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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In January 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Rhonda May Hampton** (NA60217204) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services placed her on its Residential Care Services Registry, restricting her ability to practice as a nursing assistant, after finding she physically abused a vulnerable adult.

Grant County

In January 2014 the Chemical Dependency and Agency Affiliated Counselor programs entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional and agency affiliated counselor **Shannon Hancock** (CP00005269, CG60158024) that placed her credentials on probation and requires her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2011 Hancock, who has a history of heroin and cocaine addiction, was diagnosed with opiate abuse, used methadone without a prescription, and was charged with driving while intoxicated. In 2012 she was again charged with driving while intoxicated, and in 2013 she was convicted of reckless driving and driving while intoxicated.

King County

In January 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Abraham Woldemariam Teshome** (NA60259040) with unprofessional conduct. Teshome allegedly smoked marijuana while caring for a developmentally disabled client. He hasn't responded to a Department of Health inquiry.

In January 2014 the Chemical Dependency Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Brett Alan Johnson** (CO60435909) and placed him on probation. Johnson must take continuing education in professional law and ethics and undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2004 Johnson was convicted of being under 21 years of age in possession of liquor; in 2008 he was convicted of reckless driving, in 2009 he was convicted of third-degree malicious mischief; and in 2012 he was convicted of driving while intoxicated and criminal solicitation to possess heroin.

In January 2014 the Chemical Dependency Program charged chemical dependency professional **Kelley Kay Woody** (CP00006372) with unprofessional conduct. Woody allegedly treated one client for gambling issues and provided mental health counseling to another, but doesn't hold a credential to provide treatment for either. It's also alleged that Woody gave a client information about her treatment of another and wrote letters about a client's custody issues without a written release to do so.

In December 2013 the Naturopathy Board denied a naturopathic physician credential to **Leah Spring Alvarado** (NT60391312). After receiving a request to verify Alvarado's license, the Department of Health found she didn't have a credential and the credential number provided was invalid. Alvarado first denied presenting a license or misrepresenting herself as a naturopath, but later admitted she'd given her employer a falsified license and claimed to be a licensed naturopathic physician.

In January 2014 the Pharmacy Commission entered an agreement with pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Danny Dang** (PH00040213, PH60010056) that says his credentials will be monitored for at least one year and he must pay a \$1,000 fine. Dang must take continuing education in professional law and ethics, and write a report about the use of auxiliary staff members. He allowed a pharmacy assistant to perform tasks limited to pharmacy technicians.

In January 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Patricia Jeanne Yetneberk** (RN00086833, AP30003456) with unprofessional conduct. In treating pain management patients, Yetneberk allegedly didn't perform adequate examinations, keep adequate records, or follow-up on patients' comments about their pain medication use. She also didn't follow-up on test results, increased dosages without documenting a need, didn't enforce treatment plans or pain management agreements, and didn't refer patients to other practitioners when needed. Charges say when one patient said his methadone and oxycodone had been stolen, Yetneberk ordered prescription refills for those drugs and for alprazolam. Two days later the patient died. The cause of death was listed as acute intoxication and combined effects from those drugs.

In January 2014 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dental assistant **Laura Rose Johnson** (D160062664) that indefinitely suspends her credential and requires her to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program before seeking reinstatement. Johnson didn't comply with a 2013 agreement that allowed her credential to remain active.

Kitsap County

In January 2014 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified medical assistant credential to **Kelvin Solan Grant** (CM60424490). In 2013 Grant was convicted of two counts of driving while intoxicated and one count of third-degree malicious mischief.

Pierce County

In January 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Carole I. Edenfield** (RN00137966) with unprofessional conduct. Edenfield allegedly withdrew more hydromorphone than she documented administering to patients or disposing of on repeated occasions, and told her employer she'd diverted hydromorphone from the hospital where she worked. Edenfield hasn't responded to a Department of Health inquiry.

In January 2014 the Medical Assistant Program ended probation for health care assistant **Kariann L. Williams** (HC60261292).

In January 2014 the Chemical Dependency Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional **Talia Alexandria Kuykendall** (CP60297550).

Snohomish County

In January 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Fatomatta Njie** (NA60121295) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Njie pleaded guilty to first-degree theft and first-degree trafficking in stolen property. Her sentence includes a provision prohibiting her from paid or volunteer work with vulnerable adults for 10 years.

In January 2014 the secretary of health charged physician **Eric Anthony Haas** (MD60064104) with unprofessional conduct. Haas allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient he had treated for a cardiac condition. The Medical Commission transferred this case to the secretary based on allegations of sexual misconduct, and the lack of clinical issues.

Spokane County

In January 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Holly R. Prigan** (NC10101959) with unprofessional conduct. Prigan allegedly didn't comply with a 2013 stipulation.

In January 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application to reactivate the expired registered nursing assistant credential of **Sharon Lynn Hannum** (NA00136678). On her application, Hannum certified that no action had been taken that would restrict her right to practice. In 2009 the Department of Social and Health Services found Hannum had abused,

neglected, and financially exploited a vulnerable adult. She didn't respond to a Department of Health inquiry.

Walla Walla County

In January 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Carrie C. Daudt** (RN00079726) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Daudt stopped complying with a substance abuse referral contract she signed following a 2012 conviction for violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act — possession of hydromorphone. Daudt allegedly took the controlled substance for her personal use from the medical center where she worked.

In January 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Elysa Jannette Garcia** (NC60134688) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Garcia stole a credit card belonging to a resident at an assisted living facility where she worked. Garcia allegedly used the card to make about \$4,357 in purchases without the resident's knowledge or consent. Garcia pleaded guilty to third-degree theft and paid \$4,357.22 in restitution.

Whitman County

In January 2014 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Maretta Jane Winingear** (LP00040993) with unprofessional conduct. She worked at a skilled nursing facility where she was assigned to care for an 82-year-old woman in fragile health with diagnoses including dementia and behavioral disturbances. Winingear allegedly knew the patient was lying on the floor next to her bed for three hours, and allegedly admitted telling a nursing assistant that the patient was all right on the floor and to leave her there.

Yakima County

In January 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician **Thomas O. Orvald** (MD00016180) with unprofessional conduct. Orvald allegedly signed a medical marijuana authorization for a patient with asthma, a condition for which standard treatments or medications can provide relief.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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